

**2006**  
**10<sup>th</sup> Annual Indiana GAL/CASA**  
**Conference**

**Going The Extra**  
**Mile**

**Saturday, October 21, 2006**

**Sheraton Hotel And Suites**  
**8787 Keystone Crossing**  
**Indianapolis, IN 46240**

**Presented By:**  
**The Indiana State Office of GAL/CASA**  
**Division of State Court Administration**  
**Indiana Supreme Court**



INDIANA STATE GAL/CASA  
INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA

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The Indiana State Office of GAL/CASA is pleased to announce the upcoming 10<sup>th</sup> Annual GAL/CASA Conference, "Going the Extra Mile," which is scheduled for Saturday, October 21, 2006. **Please note that the Conference will be held in a new location this year! This year's conference will be held at the Sheraton Hotel at Keystone At The Crossing in Indianapolis.**

As always, this Conference is designed to educate, train, and inform GAL/CASA volunteers, program managers, staff and social and youth workers about issues that are paramount to children involved in the court process. Application has been made for 6 hours of continuing education units for social workers. Given approval, social workers that attend the conference may register to receive the hours, and will in turn be given a certificate of attendance. Once again this year, our objective is to provide new and up-to-date information for the benefit and use of those who advocate for children in the legal system across the State of Indiana. Nationally known speaker Naomi Haines Griffith has been invited to be the keynote speaker for this year's conference. Naomi Haines Griffith is a true Southerner, growing up in Alabama and Mississippi. She holds a B.S. from the University of North Alabama, an M.A. from George Peabody College of Vanderbilt University, and a Masters in Social Work from the University of Alabama. Since 1988, Naomi Griffith has become a national speaker and consultant on child welfare issues, speaking at conferences throughout the United States and Canada. A well-known storyteller and family systems specialist, she uses humor and her own experiences to challenge and inspire audiences in business, education, juvenile justice, mental health, child abuse prevention, family violence systems.

Naomi is the author of *Red Clay and Vinegar: Looking at Family Through the Eyes of a Southern Child*, a collection of Naomi's favorite personal "growing up stories" and her reflections on family, and *The Unkindest Cut: The Emotional Maltreatment of Children*. We look forward to Naomi's keynote address, as well as the many planned breakout sessions in store for this year's conference.



### Conference Schedule of Events for 10/21/2006

8:00am-9:00am	Registration and Continental Breakfast
9:00am-10: 45 am	Welcome and Plenary Session
10:45am-11: 15 am	Networking and Exhibitor Break
11:15am-12: 30pm	Breakout Session I
12:30pm-2:00 pm	Awards Luncheon
2:15 pm-3: 30 pm	Breakout Session II
3:30pm-3: 45pm	Afternoon Break
3:45 pm-5:00pm	Foster Children's Panel



## Planned Workshop Topics:

- ❖ Practicing Safety During Home Visits
- ❖ The Meth Epidemic
- ❖ Interviewing Children
- ❖ Domestic Violence
- ❖ Stress Management
- ❖ Legal Issues/Topics Important to Advocates



## Directions To The Sheraton And Parking

**North:** Coming from the north using either I-65 or US 31. Follow I-865 East to I-465 East. Exit on Keystone Avenue (Exit 33), turn right, exit on 86<sup>th</sup> Street, turn left, follow 86<sup>th</sup> Street to Keystone Crossing Blvd., turn left, hotel is on the right.

**South:** Coming from the south using either I-65 or US 31. Follow I-465 East, then I-465 North. Continue around to Keystone Avenue (Exit 33), turn left, exit on 86<sup>th</sup> Street, turn left, follow to Keystone Crossing Blvd., turn left, hotel is on the right.

**East:** Coming from the east using either I-70 or I-74. Follow I-465 North, exit on Keystone Avenue (Exit 33), turn left, exit on 86<sup>th</sup> Street, turn left, follow to Keystone Crossing Blvd., turn left, hotel is on the right.

**West:** Coming from the west using either I-70 or I-74. Follow I-465 North, then I-465 East. Continue around to Keystone Avenue (Exit 33), turn right, exit on 86<sup>th</sup> Street, turn left, follow to Keystone Crossing Blvd., turn left, hotel is on the right.

**Parking:** There is a *free* multi-level parking garage directly behind the Sheraton. Follow the signs to the garage entrance. After you have parked, cross the street and enter through either the side or front door of the hotel. Registration will be in the hotel lobby.



## Hotel Information

**Rates:** We have arranged for special room rates for the Conference as follows:

<b>Room Rate</b>	<b>1 Person</b>	<b>2 People</b>	<b>3 People</b>	<b>4 People</b>
2 Double Beds	\$ 83.00	\$93.00	\$103.00	\$113.00

Individual reservations may be made by calling 1-888-627-7814, or directly online via Sheraton's Stargroups website at <http://www.starwoodmeeting.com/StarGroupsWeb/res?id=0608110126&key=4246B>. When making your reservation by phone, refer to the **CASA ANNUAL CONFERENCE** in order to get the special conference rate. Reservations must be made by 5:00 PM on September 19, 2006. After that time and date, the special rate will no longer be available. Call to reserve your room(s) today!

### **REGISTRATION FORM**

**Attention GAL/CASA Directors and DCS Directors:** Please duplicate this form and give it to your volunteers and staff! Fees may be paid with one claim voucher or check. If at all possible, please mail all registrations from your program or office in at the same time. Individuals may register themselves by sending a personal check if necessary. **PLEASE NOTE THAT THERE IS A DISCOUNT FOR EARLY RESERVATIONS!** Early registrations are due by October 6, 2006. After that date, ALL registrations will be \$70.00. On-site reservations will be available for \$70.00 on a first-come-first-serve basis.

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY:

NAME \_\_\_\_\_  
ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_  
CITY \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_  
PHONE \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_ I REQUEST A VEGETARIAN MEAL

Please check and complete information for one of the following:

\_\_\_ GAL/CASA VOLUNTEER, BOARD MEMBER OR STAFF (\$50.00)  
PROGRAM NAME \_\_\_\_\_ (must complete)

\_\_\_ FAMILY CASE MANAGER, ATTORNEY, OTHER (\$60.00)  
OFFICE/AFFILIATION \_\_\_\_\_ (must complete)

\_\_\_ LATE REGISTRATION (for anyone after October 6, 2006) (\$70.00)  
PROGRAM/OFFICE/OR AFFILIATION \_\_\_\_\_ (must complete)

**Once you have registered, THERE WILL BE NO REFUNDS.** PLEASE DO NOT FAX, CALL IN OR EMAIL REGISTRATIONS TO OUR OFFICE. PAYMENT (OR VOUCHER) MUST ACCOMPANY REGISTRATION FORMS. FOR QUESTIONS, PLEASE CONTACT STATE PROGRAM COORDINATOR TERESA CHRISTOPHER AT (800) 542-0813.

### **MAIL COMPLETED REGISTRATION FORMS AND MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO:**

**INDIANA STATE OFFICE OF GAL/CASA  
115 WEST WASHINGTON STREET; SUITE 1080  
INDIANAPOLIS, IN 46204**



### **Going The Extra Mile**

*The acrobatic, high-energy dolphin must spend most of its time hunting to survive. But when a pod member is sick or injured, others will set aside their own needs to come to its rescue. A pair of dolphins, one on each side, will stay beside it, lifting it to the surface to breathe each breath – sometimes for days at a time – until it recovers the strength to swim for itself. Your commitment makes the difference!*

**Does a volunteer, board member or director from your GAL/CASA program deserve credit for “Going The Extra Mile”? If so, return the enclosed nomination form to Teresa Christopher at the contact information listed above, or contact Teresa for a form if you do not have one. ALL nominations are due by October 6, 2006. Awards will be presented during the luncheon at the conference.**